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The Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 1974, which was sent to Congress late in January, contains \$25 million for Coast Guard Reserve Training. This compares with \$31.7 million appropriated for FY '73.

The operation of our program at this reduced funding level is a real challenge. It is going to require a critical look at every element of the program—to ensure that each dollar is spent where it best will advance our programs objectives. These objectives are and continue to be a high state of military readiness and a truly responsive Reserve. Both are based upon training which supports Regular Coast Guard missions and tasks under routine, seasonal peakload, and emergency conditions.

The principal areas affected by the '74 budget restrictions are: a reduction in recruit input; the phasing down or out of some Selected Reserve units that are not well-located to augment Regular Coast Guard operating stations; a reduction in drill/ACDUTRA participation requirements for those reservists in their final year of obligated service; elimination of paid ACDUTRA for all reservists not in the Selected Reserve; reductions in administrative travel and training aid procurement; and the disestablishment of a number of full-time military and civilian billets.

Needless to say, there will be some belt tightening.

To a very considerable degree, this challenge offers some real opportunities that we must pursue aggressively. Reductions in non-prior service inputs can be compensated by more intensive recruiting of former Coast Guard and Navy petty officerswith substantial savings in initial training costs.

Our current drive for young women in the 20-to-35 years-of-age group, and young men in the 26-to-35 age group with civilian skills needed by the Coast Guard Reserve can and must be pushed harder--to compensate for the loss of obligors with true volunteers. The reduction in final-year training for obligors who want out also will afford the opportunity to replace them with those who "want in"--and this we must do with all speed to meet "Challenge '74": a truly volunteer Coast Guard Reserve.

The remaining items slated for cuts--reduced ACDUTRA, administrative travel, training aids and the elimination of full-time billets--these also will provide their own particular opportunities. There will be increased chances for officers and senior petty officers alike to accomplish necessary Reserve administrative functions on a non-pay basis and be rewarded by retirement points and the satisfaction of meaningful program support. There also will be the very real opportunity that best

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Ex-Reg Boat Crew Joins CGR as Team

Three First District Coast Guard Regulars who just have gone off active duty have joined the Reserve as a team.

The three, all from Rhode Island, are BM2 Steve A. MARCACCIO of Providence, EM3 Edmund HAMEL of Warwick and SN Harold A. BERNARD Jr., of Pawtucket.

As Regulars, they made up a boat crew at Point Judith Station, Narragansett, R.I. They have been assigned to ORTUAG 01-83054 in Providence, returning to Point Judith Station one weekend a month to man their boat in an augmentation capacity.

While on active duty, they formulated this unique plan to continue as a three-man crew with the same station, only now in a Reserve affiliation.



The Coast Guard gets its first "RX" as Rear Admiral James W. MOREAU swears him into the Service. Another first for the New CGR...see page two.

"RX" For Success and Service in CG Reserve

A Northern Virginia fireman has written his own "RX" for success and service in the Coast Guard Reserve.

Donald GOINS, a professional firefighter for the past 10 years with the Arlington County Fire Department, recently enlisted in the Reserve under an innovative new Reserve program officiallyknown as "RX"--for direct enlistment petty officer. He is the first, and at the present time, only RX in the Service.

This program offers a direct petty officer rating to qualified applicants without prior military service in one of several specialized ratings based on the degree of the applicants civilian skill. An RX is recruited directly into the Reserve unit, without attending boot camp. A two week indoctrination program must be attended, however, during the first year of enlistment.

Fireman GOINS capitalized on a decade of firefighting skill and knowledge to earn an appointment as a first class petty officer. Fireman/Firefighter First Class GOINS, who was sworn into the Service by Rear Admiral James W. MOREAU, Chief of the Office of Reserve, Headquarters, said he is entering into his second career with great optimism.

"A doorway is opening up to a lot of firemen who never have had an opportunity to serve their country before, and the benefits offered by the Coast Guard Reserve make it desirable to join up for as long as you feel it benefits," GOINS said following his oath of enlistment.

He said he was attracted to this program by the many benefits, both tangible and intangible.

"I would endorse this program to all professional firefighters," Goins noted, "as it is good parttime money and good training. My new career with the Coast Guard will expose me to dockside and shipside firefighting, essential categories for all around firefighting experience."

He explained that while no employer likes to lose personnel for the mandatory two-week yearly training period, "...when you're serving your country, there is no problem."

GOINS was introduced to the program by a fellow fireman in the Arlington department, Charles SATTER-FIELD, who is a first class damage controlman in the Reserve.

SATTERFIELD has been a fireman a little over nine years, and has been a reservist 10 years. Before entering the Coast Guard, he was a volunteer fireman and credits his Coast Guard training with guiding him into his civilian career. In addition to GOINS, SATTERFIELD has recruited two other firemen from the Arlington department who still are being processed into the RX program. But, he explained, he doesn't use a "sales pitch".

"You just tell them about the extra income, security benefits, training and note that the port security field needs specialized petty officers," SATTERFIELD said, "and they do the rest."

Under the RX program, departments such as the Arlington fire department will benefit from the knowledge men such as GOINS will gain, and the Coast Guard will benefit from the knowledge men such as GOINS will bring with them.

2nd District Wins Waesche Award

The Second Coast Guard District has been selected as recipient of the Admiral Russell R. WAESCHE Award for the second consecutive year.

Captain Joseph V. WIELERT, USCGR, Chairman of the Coast Guard Affairs Committee of the Reserve Officers Association, made the presentation for fiscal year 1972 at the 14 February Committee meeting at the Washington (D.C.) Hilton. Accepting for the Second District was CDR Walter J. HALL, Chief of Reserve Division for the district.

The Coast Guard Affairs Committee sponsors the annual award, named for Admiral WAESCHE, wartime Commandant of the Coast Guard, in honor of his many important contributions to both the Regular and Reserve components.

This presentation marked the final time that the honor will be granted under its current set of standards. The WAESCHE Award for fiscal year 1973 will be based on criteria placing greater emphasis on the augmentation and mobilization aspects of the Coast Guard Reserve's "New Direction".



RANK GOES TO THE "BETTER HALF" of the husband and wife team of Priscilla M. and William F. HILLIARD of Lowell, Mass., as they join the Coast Guard Reserve, she as a yeoman first class and he as a seaman. SN HILLIARD, a third-year college student, served three years onboard the CGC BIBB, and will be augmenting the Port Safety Station, Boston. YN1 HILLIARD, a data review technician with the Social Security Administration, will be assigned administrative work with a Lawrence, Mass., ORTUPS.

Alameda Augmentation Marks Massive Oil Spill Clean-up Operations

During the period 19 January through 1 February 1973, Coast Guard reservists from four Twelfth District units augmented Regular Coast Guardsmen in the clean-up of the huge Alameda, California oil spill.

Over 125,000 gallons of used crankcase oil poured into the Oakland Estuary when drain valves on three large waste oil tanks were opened. A preliminary investigation has been conducted, and at that time the possibility of vandalism was considered.

COTP, San Francisco requested the assistance of the Reserve, and reservists were on-scene within three hours. A total of one-hundred Reserve officers and men provided 426 INACDUTRA hours and 100 man-days of ACDUTRA during the two-week effort.

The four participating units were ORTUAG 12-83778, San Francisco; ORTUAG 12-82792, Fresno; ORTUPS 12-82791, Alameda; and ORTUPS 12-82800, Monterey.

Specific augmentation duties included:

 Shifting of on-scene commander facilities from Pier 8 to Alameda Training Center.

2. Handling inquiries about the oil spill as liaison for COTP.

3. Supervising and conducting oil damage survey for CCGD12 (oil).

4. Providing telephone watch for COTP OOD.

Assisting pollution cleanup supervisors.



ALAMEDA RESERVISTS SUPERVISE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS FOLLOWING MASSIVE OIL SPILL

 Augmenting clean-up operations with Reserve vessel support (64 and 56-foot tugs and 40-foot vessels).

 Investigating oil spill in conjunction with CCGD12 (oil) and (mps).

By 23 January half of the oil had been recovered at a cost of more than \$500,000. Virtually all of the spill was cleaned up by 27 January with final operations completed 2

February. 366 personnel, including civilian contractors as well as the Coast Guard, took part, using more than 50 clean-up vehicles. No disruption of major traffic in the area was experienced, with the exception of small commercial fishing units.

The effort marked the first time reserves were utilized in the area for this type of augmentation.

Versatility Goal Of New Reserve Recruiting Plan

Two inactive duty lieutenant commanders and a lieutenant recently began SPACDUTRA at Headquarters (GRP) to develop a comprehensive Reserve recruiting program. LCDRs Edward CANNON, of Boston, and Robert CHRISTIAN, from San Diego, and LT Richard E. CUNNINGHAM, of Houston, have come from their units with in-depth civilian experience in public affairs, advertising, public diplomacy and in the design of creative projects for youth and the business community.

The goal of this effort is the development of an open-ended long-term recruiting plan that will be both definitive enough for immediate implementation and flexible enough

to allow modification in light of results.

Besides the recommendations and plans that will develop from their work, present planning calls for expanding emphasis on recruiting by means of:

--More frequent Reserve Bulletins specifically aimed at keeping units continuously thinking of more and better ways to bring prior and non-prior service prospects into the Coast Guard Reserve.

--Squeezing more money out of an already tight budget for additional promotional literature on Reserve recruiting. --Greater Reserve unit efforts to open more doors to public meetings, associations, fraternal organizations, and the like. Many reservists can provide the entry for Coast Guard recruiters that otherwise would not be possible.

--Arranging to pick up and deliver the prospect to the recruiting office, to make sure he gets there.

Ensign David K. SECREST, USCGR, a graduate of the February 1973 OCS class, has joined the staff of the Reservist, relieving LTJG Richard C. BROWN, who has been released from active duty.

Timely Tax Time Tips for Reservists

Income tax time has come once again and reservists should be reminded of the tax deductions available to them.

Taxable income for reservists includes all basic pay received for attending drills and annual training, incentive pay for hazardous duty and special pays, such as flight pay.

Allowances not subject to income tax include those paid for subsistence and quarters (BAS and BAQ) while on annual training, uniforms, disability retirement pay and anything furnished in kind, such as food and transportation.

The following may be claimed as "employee business expenses", but a Form 2106 or similar statement is required. These expenses may be claimed even if the taxpayer is using the standard deduction method. They are not itemized deductions:

--If a member works and trains on the same day at different locations within the same city or general area, one-way transportation costs may be deducted, whether the member goes home first or not.

--If a member must travel to another city or general area to attend weekend drill, round-trip expenses are deductible.

Actual expenses may be deducted. However, an allowance of 12 cents per mile for the first 15,000 miles and nine cents for additional miles may be claimed. An accurate record should be maintained, as with all income tax related items.

Another tip: if you must stay away from home for weekend drills, meals and lodging are deductible if they are not provided in kind.

Travel to annual training can also mean deductions for reservists.

Travel expenses, lodging, food and laundry may be taken off taxable income. The amount claimed, however, must be reduced by the amount of nontaxable allowances received.

RADM Selectees Announced

The following officers have been selected for promotion to Rear Admiral in the U. S. Coast Guard:

Captain Glenn O. THOMPSON Captain Julian E. JOHANSEN Captain Abe H. SIEMENS Captain John B. HAYES Captain Robert H. SCARBOROUGH

The dates these officers will be promoted to rear admiral are at this time undetermined and will be subject to vacancies in existing flag officer billets.

Captain JOHANSEN has been selected to succeed Rear Admiral James W. MOREAU as Chief, Office of Reserve, in early July of this year.

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Admiral's Corner

can be developed in subsequent district and regional Reserve conferences to reduce paper-work to the bare essentials needed to move the program forward.

We may be in for rough seas and adverse winds in '74, but I foresee no change in course or speed. The Reserve program needs the strongest support of every Coast Guard reservist to keep us moving ahead and on course in the "all volunteer" year ahead.

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